

## Procedural Steps for Processing Tribal Applications for TAS Eligibility for the Clean Water Act Water Quality Standards and Certification Programs

These steps are taken from the national guidance document: *Strategy for Reviewing Tribal Eligibility Applications to Administer EPA Regulatory Programs*, found at: [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-10/documents/strategy-for-reviewing-applications-for-tas.pdf" \h](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-10/documents/strategy-for-reviewing-applications-for-tas.pdf) ]

### 1. Application Development

- A. Pre-application discussions and technical assistance (if appropriate)
- B. EPA review of pre-application materials (if requested)
- C. Tribe submits application to EPA
- D. EPA initial review and request for additional information (as appropriate) as soon as practicable
- E. Tribe submits additional information (if requested)

### 2. Affected Governmental Entity and Public Comment Period

- A. EPA notifies appropriate governmental entities and the public (within 30 days after receipt of a tribal application that is ready for review)
- B. Comment period (30 days)
- C. Within 45 days of the close of the comment period, EPA assembles comments, provides them to the tribe, and discusses a tentative schedule and next steps
- D. Tribe responds to comments (if any)

### 3. EPA Review of Comments and Additional Information

- A. EPA reviews comments and tribal response (if any)
- B. Within 90 days, to the extent practicable, of the close of the comment period, EPA discusses the need for any additional information with the tribe
- C. Tribe provides additional information (if requested)
- D. EPA reviews comments, tribal response to comments (if any), and additional information (if any)

### 4. Final Decision Granting or Denying Eligibility

- A. EPA prepares decision document, response to comments
- B. EPA regional official signs decision document and notifies the tribe